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**BILL QUEEN SELECTED AS DISTRICT RANGER FOR LOOKOUT
MOUNTAIN**

PRINEVILLE-Forest Service officials recently announced Bill Queen as the incoming District Ranger for the Lookout Mountain Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest, vice Art Currier, who retired in January of 2008. Queen will be responsible for managing approximately 378,200 acres of Forest Service-administered lands that include a diversity of natural resource programs and projects.

“Bill has been serving as a District Ranger in the busy West Yellowstone area of Montana for the past five years. He brings a wealth of experience working on complex issues, such as travel management planning,” said Ochoco National Forest Supervisor Jeff Walter. “We look forward to his arrival in Prineville on May 27.”

Born and raised with two brothers and a sister in rural South Carolina, Bill graduated from Clemson University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management and received his Master of Science in Forest Management from the University of Georgia in 1977.

Bill began working for the U.S. Forest Service as a Forester in Alaska from 1977-79. From 1979-1989, he continued working as a Forester in the communities of Lincoln, Livingston and Bozeman, Montana. In 1989, Bill move to the Pacific Northwest to accept a position as a Resource Planner on the Gold Beach Ranger District of the Siskiyou National Forest. From 1991-2003, he worked as a Resource Assistant on the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest. Since 2003, Bill has been serving as the District Ranger of the Hebgen Lake Ranger District on the Gallatin National Forest in Montana.

Bill’s wife, Sharon, is self-employed as a designer and producer of collector teddy bears. Bill’s daughter Sarah and son Jason are graduates of Redmond High School and Oregon State University. Sarah is currently a Forester with the Bureau of Land Management in Grants Pass and Jason is an Ensign in the Navy, currently stationed at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and training as a pilot.

"Sharon and I look forward to returning to the central Oregon lifestyle and climate. We have many family members and friends that we will be able to see and play with on a routine basis. Having worked with Federal agency employees in central Oregon in the past, I look forward to working with them again. In and around the Prineville area, the communities and outlying rural residents actively participate in the restoration, stewardship and management of their public lands. I look forward to working with them all while taking good care of the land," said Queen.

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